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Ms. Donna R. Search, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission, Room 222
1919 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Request for Comments Regarding FCC 92-538 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Tentative Decision proposing a redesignation of use of the 28 GHz band from point to point microwave common carrier service to a local multipoint distribution service (LMDS)

Dear Ms. Searcy:

The University of Colorado at Boulder has a long history with educational broadcasting. We began with an experimental radio broadcasting station licensed in 1922. Seventy years later we are originating programming for several educational radio and television stations and cablecasting to our community. We are also the licensee of an 8-channel ITFS system in the Boulder/Denver area.

Historically it has been the strategy of the Federal Communications Commission to encourage use of the broadcast spectrum for educational endeavors. Several models come to mind; the Radio/TV model, where channel allocations were set aside for educational broadcasters; the ITFS model where commercial entrepreneurs were required to become partners with educators; and the cable TV model where educational access was required.

I endorse the Commission's proposal to license frequencies in the 28 GHz band. In addition, I would like to encourage the commissioners to continue to acknowledge the necessity of protecting bandwidth for educators. I would like you to take one of the following actions: (1) set-aside half this band for educators, (2) require commercial applicants to have educational partners, (3) require that applicants provide educational access and financial assistance to educators, or (4) develop a new model to provide educational benefits from the opening of the 28 GHz band.

Respectfully submitted,



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